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REMARKS

This Amendment adds new claims 11-14, amends claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8 and 10, and presents a substitute abstract. New claims 11-14 are supported by page 13, line 6 to page 14, line 2. The changes to claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8 and 10 are merely editorial. The substitute abstract corresponds to the original abstract. Claims 1-14 are pending.

This Amendment overcomes the objection to the abstract. More particularly, a substitute abstract is attached which does not contain legal phraseology. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the abstract are earnestly requested.

This Amendment overcomes the objection to claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8 and 10. These claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to these claims are earnestly requested.

The 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 1-10 over U.S. patent publication No. 2001/0002035 to Kavanakis is respectfully traversed. A feature of the claimed method and smart card is the deposition/presence of a resin layer in a zone on the antenna support, with the zone corresponding to an imprint of the antenna or being slightly larger than the antenna. The resin provides

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dimensional stability to the antenna circuit during manufacture of the smart card.

Kayanakis fails to disclose or suggest the resin layer feature of the claimed method and smart card. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of claims 1-10 are earnestly requested.

It is believed this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all objections and rejections of claims 1-10, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed to claims 1-14, are earnestly requested. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned should he believe any further action is required for allowance.

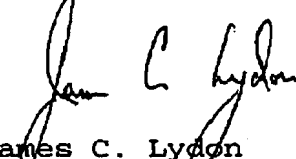
A Petition and fee for a one month Extension of Time are attached. It is not believed any additional fee is required for entry and consideration of this Amendment. Nevertheless, the

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Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No.
50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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Substitute Abstract
Petition for Extension of Time